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A
Search for Money.

Or

The lamentable complaint for the
losse of the wandring Knight,
Monsieur l'Argent.

Or

Come along with me, I know
thou louest Money.

Dedicated to all those that
lack Money.

Frangere nucis tegmen, si cupis esse nucem.

By WILLIAM ROWLEY.

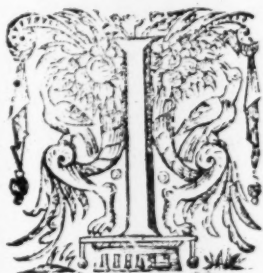


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To his entine and deare-esteemed
friend, Maister Thomas Hobbs.
*Health on earth Temporall, and higher
happinesse eternall.*



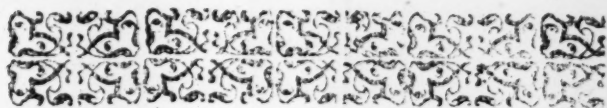
It is but a toy (deare friend)
that I present you with , but
if you accept it not, I shall lay
the prouerbe to your charge,
(*qui paruum contemnit, indignus est magno*) hee that refu-
seth a little kindnesse, is vn-
worthy of a greater , but I
question it not, nor would I
haue you ouer affect it for the title sake, for that it is
a *Searcher of Money*: perhaps you would haue beene
willingly one of this inquisition, but you shall not
neede, onely ouer-view this, and take my opinion,
where he is, and that is, where I trust you shall ne-
uer goe to seeke him. I would define to you these
two prepositions, *of* and *in*, that you are in the
world (though you must out of it) 'tis certeine, but
be not of the world, (though you beare earth about
yee,) for then you are a wordling, and haue affinitie
with *Money*, whose best part is but earth, whose
(too much worshipt greatnesse) in my iudgment is

The Epistle Dedicatorie.

but as a bare-legd passage through many acres of
briers, for a handfull of rushes on the other side,
(being found, not worth halfe the toile) but vse his
companie as I do, and that's as I weare my gloues
some-time on, some-time of, and many times leese
them quite, take this, to refuse it: the next search I
make (God willing) shall bee for wisdom,
and then if you will go along with me,
weele pace together: till then,
Farewell.

Yours,

William Rowley.



To all those that lack
money.



Entlemen, for so much you may be that
want money, and more they cannot bee
that haue it, (bee that your comfort,)
Yee are indeed the onelie Maecenaf-
ses and Patrons of Poesie, for to your
weake puses there are alwaies ioy-
ned willing hearts, and (if not decdes)
at the least, good wordes, (Similis simili gaudet) I ioye
(most respected benefactors) in your fellowshipe, for
from me yee are like to receiue nothing but good words,
will yee now undertake an equall trauell with me (I know
not yet whither) and let the destinies (if they will) re-
ward our paines. I knowe the walkes in Paules are stale
to yee, yee could tell extemporally I am sure howe many
paces t'were betweene the quire and the West dore, or
(like a Suffolke man) answer at the second question,
dead sure: there hath beene (many of yee) scene measur-
ing the Longitude and Latitude of More-fields any
time this two yeares and upwards (all but in the hard
season of the great frost) and then yee slid away the
time upon the Thames, yee haue beene either eare-
or-eye-witnesses or both to many midde voiajes
made

The Epistle to the Reader.

made of late yeares, both by sea and land, as the travell to Rome with the returne in certaine daies, the wild marriage to Norrige, the fellowes going back-ward to Barwick, another hopping from Yorke to London, and the transforming of the top of Paules into a stable, to these and many more, ad one more, what oddes with him now that will bring yee to the place where your lost and long mist friend Mounfier Money is within two houres? me thinkes yee smile now? but you would laugh if it were so inaeede, you thinke it not possible. You hauing searcht so diligentlie and are yet without him, but pluck vp a good hart, hire but this hackney and (vita pro vita) hee will bring yee to the place for the prise of a peck of oates, tis no great charge, along with him but pace him not too fast for feare of stumbling, if yee dislike this voyage, returne to my stable againe, if t horse yee not for better profit, turne from a Gentile to a Iew & spie at me, there has beene time and labor (a little of both) to bring him to this small groweth.

Vale. frustra nihil.

Your ioynt friend in
estate.

WILLIAM ROVVLEY.



A search for Money.



Wme my maisters, all you that will bee of this priue search to finde this wandring Knight, (Mouſieur Money) lay by your armes, and take your leggs and follow me. Day, ſtay, ſtay, come not ſo faſt: I call not all thoſe that would find him, (there would be left then ſcarce ſo many behinde as there was vnderw'd at the deluge) but ſome of thoſe as are fitteſt and moſt at leiſure to ſearch, as ſome ſcope of idle ſouldiers, theſe are men that are expert-ent to walke the round, for walke ye muſt reſolve ere ye finde him, he ſhifts his lodging ſo oft, or elſe he lyes ſo obſcure he wil hardly be ſpoke with. Well, I doubt not but ye will bee painfull in the queſt, onely your cenſures in high way firſt to begin as the likeliſt to finde the neareſt way (being the very Nominatiue caſe firſt to finde the conſtruction) and then haue with ye: lets firſt queſtion his deſcent: faith from earth (of our owne kindred,) I would he were not ſo nere to vs in kindred, then ſure he would be narer in kindneſſe, and then we muſt conclude (comming from earth) that thither he muſt returne, and there fore is now on earth. There may a doubt ariſe from hence too, for being here canonized, nay Deified and made a God, (for therein we muſt needs confeſſe our impure idolatry) it may be he has tane his glorious flight to heauen already. That cannot bee neither, ſure Peter has bard the gates againſt him, for hee that would not ſell heauen to Monie on earth, 'tis moſt likely he will not ſell heauen, now once poſſeſſ of

it, thinke yee then he hangs (like a dejected spirit) in the ayre, no, hee is too massie, or if he were, wee haue Danaes inough to bring him shouering doloue: in the fire thinke yee: neither, I know them that haue runne through fire and water too, and yet haue not found him: the sea is lunatique too, and mad folkes keepe no money, he would sinke if he were there: is he damnd by the curses of the poore, and so gone to hell: if hee bee, woele rake hell but woele finde him, no, the Diuell builds (they say) to enlarge his kingdome, and builders commonly are without money, well, then wee must returne to our first proposition, that hee bides in his first element, thats earth, conclude there to search for him then, set vp the staffe which way to begin, & conuenimus omnes, 'tis false to the Citie, a hopefull way a first: enter the gates before there be any opposition: haue with yee.

Let vs be carefull in our inquisition, omit no (halfe suspected) place, therefore let vs enquire at the Tailors shop (for that stand next the gate) if the beloued Mounseur Money had not there taken vp his lodging, the brauerie of the time makes a suspect, therefore enquire of him. The motion was no sooner made to two or three crosse-legd toynepmen, but they swore by the bread they then eate (and they seemd to relish their oathes with a good stomacke too) that there he was not, there hee should haue bene indeed, and many bills of authoritie they had sent forth to fetch him, but come hee would not, nor could they tell to where he lay. Well on we goe, the next enquirie we made at a painted lattice, hauing (as we supposd) some hope there to finde him, but alas, nihil ad propositum as we found the sequel, we boldly (and officers like) entered the house, where wee spied a more lamentable spectacle then Amintas mourning for his Phillis: An olde woman (being the sicke minded hostesse) dejected and throtone into such a perplexitie, as you would haue thought her otone traiterous Ughes would haue bloune her vp, her hand (like a despairing

ring lower) bouldering her chéeke, yet with a faint interga-
tozie, she askt vs what wee lackt: wee tolde her Money,
shee some-thing gathering her womanish spirits about
her, told vs hastily, that she had paid her Brewster a month
agoe, and that we did her wrong to demand it. But upon
our furthier and well considered replye, shee was satisfied,
that we came about no such matter, onely to know if such
a traveller lay in her house, then with a sorrowfull shak-
ing of her head, her griefe was redoubled, oh no, oh no,
oh no, thise as if shee would haue coniured him thether
presently, and began to plant her face for a most passion-
nate reply. You see this come here I haue others well
and thriftily furnisht with household-Stuffe, but in this is
containd my whole su. stance, which ere we goe any fur-
ther you shall heare describ'd. The battlements which
had bene white and innocent, were now sullied with un-
capable characters of (as I may so terme it) Candle-gra-
phie, all the sides both walles and peeces shewed like a fir-
mament without a sunne, all full of pale and sickly probes-
gies, which shee with a heart as colde as Aeneas recount-
ing the tale of Troy, in this manner vnfolded to vs: these
longer sort (quoth she) which stood like white streamers,
are the least harmfull portraiting (as it were) but euen
penny-worths of mishaps, these other demi-lunes or halfe
Moones, and with that she vented another bolley of sighes
which are thise double the mischief of the rest, but these
round ones (quoth shee) like full Moones, (and indeed,
not altogether ineffectuall) for then tis a full sea, and the
water stretcht a little beyond her bounds, from forth the
hollow caues of her eyes issued fountaines, which
walking downe the furrowed pathes of her face, and
venterouslie meaning (as it were) to passe the gulfe of
her mouth in quietnesse, bound her tongue for a cer'aine
space to peace, which afterward being releast, shee went
forwarde to tell vs a strange Metamorphosis, and ore
indeede that Ouid had quite forgotten, how that all her

Ale was transform'd into those fatall meteors, which was indeede Chalke, 'twas strange, but not so strange as true, Money sayes shee was eyther fledde or a sleepe, for he was not stirring: she added withall the report of her better fortunes, how shee had a swifter and more profitable mutation of her Ale in former time, how that first her Ale was Ale, and then it was Langroe, and then it was Ale againe: wee were presently (at the hearing of this) unfortunate, to have the morrall of this miserie, what this Langroe was: faith faith she, the English phrase is a little too broad, and comparisons are odious, else I would tell you by the way of comparison, but (a little corrupting the word) shee would tell vs by a simile, for euen as the Sal-sea-water being taken out of the Sea, and purg'd in the clouds and ayre, yet at length returnes to sea againe, and becomes perfect Sea-water againe: so Ale though kept a while in the clouds of the body, yet in v againe perfectly and prouidently returne to the fatte, and so re-returns to the body, as yee may obserue in the course of things, how grasse turnes to hay, and the seedes of hay make grasse againe. At this wee were all reumaticque, and spit at the apprehension of it, concluded and tolde her plainly, that we could not pittie her, for we did imagine she had poison'd her guests, and they in due reuenge had chok't her, sed quid nocad nos: what's this to our purpose? this is the generall folly of the time, when we are once got into an Ale-house, we neuer finde the way out againe: but on, on, what if we enquir'd at the Show-makers ouer the way: wee did, but in vaine, the maister himselfe was not within, and all the rest lay sicke of Mercuries boone, (cruell Mercurie to deale so with good fellows,) yet they were labouring their hides, and singing like carelesse travellers coram latrone: as wee were but asking the question steps mee from ouer the way (overlissing vs) a netw-searcher, viz a Barber, he hoping to attain some discourse for his next patient left his banner

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of basons stinging in the ayre; and closely eave-drops our conference, the saucie treble-tongu'd knave would insert some-what of his knowl:dge, (treble tongu'd I call him; and thus I proue't, hee has a reasonable Mother tongue, his Barber-surgions tongue, and a tongue betwene two of his fingers, and from thence proceeds his wit, and tis a snapping wit too,) well sir, he (before he was askt the question) told vs, that the wardring knight sure was not farre off, for on Saturday-night hee was faine to watch till morning, to trim some of his followers, and its morning they went away from him betimes: hee swore he neuer clos'd his eyes till hee came to Church, and then he slept all Sermon time, but certainly hee is not farre asofe, and at yonder Tauerne (showing vs the bush) I doe imagine he has tane a chamber, we went some-what hopefull now, hauing so faire a likelihood: Thither we came, where at the entrie we heare a confused noise (like a blacke Sanctus, or a house haunted with spirits, such hollowing, shouting, dauncing and clinking of pots, that sure now we suppos'd we had found, for all this reuelling could not be without Mounseur Mony had bene en of. heere, we had the salute (of welcome gentlemen) presently, wilt please yee see a chamber, it was our pleasure (as we answered the apzon-man) to see, or be very neare the roome where all that noise was, we were admitted and usherd presently into a neighbor Chamber, where by the ioynt obseruance both of our eyes and eares, we might be acquainted who they were, whom when we had welcom'd, we might truly perceiue there was no such man there as Mounseur Mony, & that you may the better beleue vs, we describe the assembly: there was (to begin with the worst) two or three of our own faculte & familiar acquaintance, swaggering souldiers: A paire (amongst many) of thred-bare Poets, men that want monie more then wit, foure or five flag-falne Plaiers, poore harmlesse merrie knaues, that were now neither Lords nor Ladies,

but honestly wore their owne cloathes (if they were paid for), amongst these were two or thre gun-makers, & they lookt like an Almanack dated in eighty eight, and toward the lower end of the table, which indeed we could well distinguish by neither bread nor salt, for there was neither, except two or thre small biscuits, which (I dare say) were a souldier there durst benter to breake,) but by the condition of the men wee gest it so, (who were indeed a nois of musitions) those that I haue sene at the tables side (for manners sake) scraping manibus pedibusque, yet now admitted a place at table, and good reason too at this time, (as you shall vnderstand) the reckoning was cald for and within a while brought in, a mist then (with two pipes of Tobacco) was cast before our eyes, but we perceiued how it went, five shillings droopt from the confort at lower end, which God wot, they had that morning scrapt out at an Embassadors window, little els was visible, onlie some of them whispered the drawer in the eare (but hung nere a Jewell in it) he shooke his head and went away, thre partes discontent yet faintlie prouinciss, wee are welcome Gentlemen: vpon this the companie departed.

We thought wee had staied too long, for wee might sweare he that we sought for was not there, we sent one backe to the Barbar to tell him he was an asse to gesse so like a foole, and on we trauaile, we had not measured thre cinquepaces, but we met with one that came a far greater pace towards vs, and had now reacht vs, a gallant (as we fearme them) who (as we afterwaros vnderstood) had narrowly escaped the hands of a shoulderclapper, we spur'd our question to him, who pantingly, yet out of breath, swore as God iudge him he had not sene him this fortnight, but seeke him and finde him hee must, or it would goe worse with him, we requested his compare, he told vs that may wee went hee durst not returne, nor did he thinke hee lay that way, for the last time he parted and shooke

Shooke hands with him was in the suburbs, and if thither we would walke with him, he would bring vs to the house where hee left him; wee loath to lose any hope agreed, and went with him, he brought vs to a house where at the very entrance I did distrust we were yet mistaken, there was but three roomes, one crowning still the toppe of the other, and little bigger then so many of Diogenes his tubs, where two could scarcely be at once, but one must be on the top of the other, other countries (for they are common in all countries) call these mansions. Bordelloes, or Brothells, but in our familiar phrase it is commonly call'd a house of iniquity, or sometime a subaudi domus, our conductor was but setting his foote over the threshold but hee was repulst by head and shoulders by an old Laplander and her mate, with a face like a leane tripe br-washt, but behinde her stood trembling, two or three of Venus her Pimples very prompt and seruiceable which the Weldams stood gadding like the fire-spitting Fules that garded the Colchos fleece, bellowing, rozing and railing against our leader, that hee had carried her best retainer, nay her berie maintainer from her house (Mounier Money) and vnlesse hee went and brought him along with him, he should haue no entrance there, and so doing, hee should be as welcome as euer he was, hee swore as before hee had done that there he left him, and saw him not since, she bied and rebied othes to the contrary that it was not so.

This matter could not be decided, till one of our company, (hauing before been somewhat familiar with one of the Pimples) had priuately enquired if hee were there or no, she had swore to him that hee had not beene there since the Tearme, and then that Gentleman had left him there, marry it was more then her old patronesse knew of, she kept him obscurelie a while, but not long, and from thence hee went to the Doctors, where shee thought hee yet was, wee considering the circumstance thought it not unlikely,

unlikely, and went to pursue him this way, this was a good sent, and we were loath to lose it, well towards the Mountebanke Doctor we go, and at length there we arrive, where we finde him, turning ouer his Scale booke, and poring in his prospectiue, some-times grained in the grauell, some-time sweating, and chafing to find whether there were a burning feauer or no: him at his conuenient leisure we greeted, who very reuerent and courteously resaluted vs, thinking by our meager looks we had bene some patients, but alas our disease was such as he had no physike to cure, we propounded our former inquisition to know if such a gentleman lay not in his house, he presently tied his reuerence to an oth that there he was not: hee had deseru'd (hee sayd) to haue his companie, but could not obtaine it, and for his unkindnesse he wisht the pox or some other villanous disease would catch him, and then hee should bee sure of his company for a month or so (if no longer) till he were recovered againe, well (after the ceremony of departing) we had our answer and away wee went: we had no sooner descended the staires but at the doore, we examined a paire of Porters, (men of great carriage) yet hauing no such burdens lying on their necke, they both answered (vna voce) that they were now come out of the City and had bin there to seeke him, but could not finde him, nor did they thinke that hee was there, but rather that hee was ridde into the countrie this hard yeare to buy wheate, and meant to turne Farmer: this replie did on the suddaine astonish vs which way to turne, but being now in the Cittie we concluded (sic fas aut nefas) to end our enquirie there ere wee pass it, and at the instant (as wee were againe entring) wee spied a streete on the left hand (the verie hand that Hell standes on,) all adorneed like a most famous infamous wardrope, for there were executed and hung, (some by the necke, some by the heels) many innocent garments, whose first owners themselves were

were hung (most of them) on the other side of the City, and now the garments (for their maisters crime) suffered the second place of paine, and were there tortur'd to be purged in the ayre of some infirctions that yet either run or crept vpon them, we did imagine that our lost Moun- tier had ben there at the receit thereof, but sure he would not lodge nor abide amongst such a tribe of Jewish bro- kers, yet hauing opportunity to aske, for then met vs one that had newly ransomed a long executed sute, and had of purpose chose it to see if it could conduct him the same way the former owner was gone. (for indeed he meant to weare it to the pzoofe.) of him we askt who might bee the patron and furnisher of this large wardrope, he answered vs that the furnisher of that place was as mad a hang- man as any was about the towne, nay there was none like him, his name was Don Carnifexius Crackonecko Dericko, a rare fellow (for there was none such) and it was doubt- full whether he were a magician or no, for he used to ride in the ayre of Paolets wooden horse, marrie he was a clowne in one thing, he neuer ridde with bridle, but a base halter alwaies, and that was but so thew he could raine his mare without a bit, and a mare it was by approbati- on, for she cast many colts, and that was with his vniuer- cifill backing of her so nere her taming time, nay (saies he) hee is a bery Alexander for none but himselfe dares mount his Bucephalus, but is in daunger of death ere hee comes to the ground, nay his owne seruant (by credible report) that had well broke and often managed her, for offering to get vpps the wrong way, was throtone and broke his neck.

This merry description made vs lase a little time, yet now we were sated with this (hauing other businesse in hand) therefore we (some what vnmanerly) take his tale out of his mouth, and desired him (for haste sake) to tell vs if such a lost gentleman as we sought might not be found in that lane, (nodum in scirpo querimus) hee durst sweare

and did sweare without any further premeditation that there hee could not possibly bee, for all that pendant treasury that we saw, were but baits allure him thither, yet all and more not sufficient to bring him, therefore returne if ye be wise, you fall into the ditch els, and enter the Citie againe, for if there hee be not, he is a verie extravagant and has no abiding, this counsell we once againe accepted and againe we enter the gates, where we found much serviceable industry to intise the Gentleman to this house and that house and indeede to euerie house, but (that we could perceiue) hee entered into no house, the scriueners had drauone and hanged out very faire Bonds and Indentures to lap him in, but we were very doubtfull he would not be bound prentise (at these yeares) to them or any one, the milliners threw out perfumes to catch him by the nose, and so (like a beare) to lead him to the stake, sweete gloues to fit his hand of what size soeuer, but they could not come to take him by the handes, the Drapers wondered that hauing kept so many men befoze times, (and being so well able to keepe them too) that hee bought no new lueries, therefore they could not imagine, but that hee had bene at dice and lost his renenewes, so broke and was faine to liue retired with himselfe and his page a while, which was in our opinions a likely coniecture, being himselfe so great a personage, well this obscure place must we finde or els we returne (*sine fructibus laborum*) and openlie hee cannot be, vnlasse hee stop his eares and will not, but hee must needs heare proclamations for himselfe, as cockermongers cry out for him offering him good holloine windebreaking pippins, russettings, apple-Johns, and diuers sorts, al which tempt him not, but could they bring along Cue with the interdited apple of damnation, it would sooner be receiued at his adored hands, in like manner cry out your Filb-wines, Disser-wines, Dringes, Lemnans, but none can penetrate his obdurate eares, so generall is the cry, and indeed lamentation to finde out this

this concealed Mounſieur as if Troy were now in her present destruction, yet must not wee (with the Greekes) lay a straw there and go no further, but (vsque ad inferos) till we finde him.

Upon the necke of this meditation wee fell vpon a yet more hopefull accident, wee approached a post-garred doze beset round with many petitionary attendants that waited the turning of the key that yet stood the wrong way, and was indeed the mansion or rather kennell of a most dogged vsurer, (so much wee gess) and so it fell out, for those attendants, (with whom wee ioynd our obedient seruice) in the Interim, while the lockes were set at libertie told vs wee had happened right if wee sought such a Gentleman, for sure there hee was by great presumptions, or els hee had no being, marrie, whether hee should be spoake withall or no, that they could not tell, for (quoth one) the maister of the house is a man that loues that Mounſieur (you enquire for) more then any man I know.

Say, to say the truth, better then his child, his owne life, may (I should not lie to say) better then his soule (if he haue any) and great reason therfore he should lie where he is so well beloued, marry there is great doubt of his concealing, for hee cannot abide him out of his sight, vnlesse perhaps some of his great friends (and great they must be howsoeuer friends) chance to request his company for a time to take viewe and possession of a purchase or to the erecting of some new edifice, and then are they on the other part bound in worse bondes and manacles then the Turkes Galli-slauess to bring him in at such a day, or they fall into the deuouring mercilesse Jaws of prison where no man but Mounſieur Money can redeme them, and hee then will not come at them.

This description of him scarce finisht, but wee were euen readie to haue eye-proofe of what wee had heard,

we might now heare the tonguelesse staires tell vs (by
 force of an oppressive footing) that there was some bodie
 descending, which was better bereaved by a redoublt
 disposition of the descender, for (with small Interims) now
 and then we might heare on hauking, and vomitting the
 best part of his corruption, that was his steame, for there
 was no part of him lesse harming, (yet that noisome
 ynough), anon his gouty footmanship had reacht the doze,
 where after the quest of, who was there: and our most
 humble answer, the locks & bolts were set at liberty, & so
 much of the doze was opened as we see the compasse of a
 bakers purgatory, or pilloze, for euen so shalwed his head
 forth the dozes, but as ill a head in forme (and worse in
 condition), then euer held a spout of lead in his mouth at
 the corner of a Church, an old moth-eaten cap buttoned
 vnder his chinne: his visage (or bizard) like the artificiall
 Ielwe of Maltaes nose, the wormes feare his bodie
 would haue gone along with his soule, came to take and
 indeed had taken possession, where they peep out still at
 certaine lope holes to see who came nere their habitation:
 vpon which nose, two caements were built, through
 which his eyes had a little ken of vs, the fore part of his
 doublet was greasie Sattin, til to put him in minde of his
 patron Satan, the back part eight penny canuas, a thing
 (worse then comparison) that loues not halfe himselfe, his
 heart made of the palmes of foure self-makers hands,
 his soule not so bigge as an Attome, & that's lung-growne
 to his conscience, which conscience is the true forme of a
 hedge-hog that gards her selfe round with sharpe prickles,
 that who so touches is in danger to bleed for it, his indus-
 try is to maintaine his scalpe in a warme cap, his stinking
 fete in socks, his nose in sacke, his guts in capons, and
 his braines in mischeife: to this lumpe of iniquity, this li-
 uing carrion, this house-kept fox, thats only preserued to
 stinke (and the headach, which hee was not good for) was
 (to show our humillitie) bent ith hammes, and gaue him
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the worshipfull salute, he receiv'd it, and grumblingly proceeded to know what wee would with him: wee with a little smooth preface, as being afraid at first to fright him with our Embassage, tolde him wee were men that had vnder-taken a voyage, which if wee return'd with the performance would trebble a wealthy estate for vs all, and on the contrary if wee faild in the enterprise, we were vndone, to giue the bankrupts phrase, (and the most common forme of a Tapsters head) broke, or like the olde Gunne-powder-house blowne by. All this appear'd to him (as it was indeed) circumstance, therefore hee desired to goe a nearer way to it, and shew the very subject of the matter: saith wee told him that we sought a wandering conceal'd trauegger, and that wee had receiv'd certaine notice that he had taken by his lodging at his house, this was pitch throwne vpon burning toe, and oyle vpon that to quench it withall, that face that was wilde-fire before, was now Hell-fire, raging and boyling as if the poore harmelesse wozmes should then haue suffered torment; some flew out with feare, others were martyred euen in their Cabbins, that the blood ranne about his guiltie nose, with the very suddaine skrewing of his face, yet after collier had procur'd a foaming bent, hee randed out these sentences, Money, vengeance and Hell so soone as Money, he will not bide with mee, he answers not my loue with his company, he has promis'd me increase, but hee returns not himselfe, I haue parchment indeed, which is rotten shepe-skinnes, I haue Inke which is gall to me, I haue paper, which is rags and trash, I haue ware, but no honnie no money, no money, no honner, I let him forth a gally-slaue to bankrupts, and now hee's sold to the Turke or the Diuell, I would I were with him wher-euer: I could hang my selfe to learne witte. Had not he wit thinke yee that govern'd forty madde folkes: and he hangd himselfe, why should not I and you come to keepe my torment in action, to enquire for him: I haue bills, and bonds, and

scruples, and ware, but no honnie, no homie, no monie, no money, with that in a great rage hee clapt to the doores, charg'd the locks to keepe the doores, and went by the staires (I hope) to hang himselfe.

This was cold comfort still, wee were now no nearer then when we first set forward, all that we knew by what was past, was that wee knew many places where he was not: many places we seeke, but that place was (as report sayes) the enchanted Iland: when wee suppose wee are neare, it is still further off, that now wee feared it would be Terra incognita:

Tante moles erant Romanam condere gentem.

Yet at length it was built, and why should we doubt then but at length to accomplish our undertaken taske, if the Libian club-man had receiu'd (by his enuious step-mother) this, as his first labour (and the age in ioynt correspondence with this,) hee had neuer liu'd to number such a Iurie of his wonders, well then let fame picke vs on, that if we pursue and bring to good passe this labour, it shall liue vpon our tombes (so that wee bury no treasure with vs, and therefore be digd by againe) while the brasse and stones can agree together.

We had now shifted our ground, and were come to the Rialto, where wee heare round about vs the confusion of another Babel, (for languages I meane not for presumption) at this place often arriues the nelues from many lands, amongst the which might be (as wee hop'd) some tidings of our lost traeller: faith, wee by helpe of action and interpretation had quickly made our inquisition knowne amongst them all, but straight like honest men all agreeing in one tale, they returnd this reply, that they had receiued no nelues from any countrey of such a traeller: more-ouer added that all their meeting and discourse was but to seeke and bring home the man we miss, to further which, they had sent ships out to sea, that if they

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scap't the pirates, rocks, flats, and other sea dangers, would no doubt in time happily arrive in our coast: they confirm'd it by another reason which indeed sounded more credibly then the former, marry it was tolde in private, and therefore I am loth to be found a blab of my tongue, they laide some, I a great deale of blame on their wives, but (for quietnesse sake) I would not have them know so much, they told us, that they themselves had often brought many of Mounseur Moneys followers home to their houses with great hope (in the end) to attaine the companie of his compleate selfe, but their wives (canne he never so privately) would finde him out, and then (disdaining any such inmates to lodge in their houses) sent him out of doores, and whether they went to courters to performe it or no, they knew not, but straight he was transform'd into chaines, iewels, bracelets, tyzes, ruffles of the fashion, which still were no longer lūd then a wonder, nine dayes, then it was stale, and they must have a new, and (for firme approbation of what wee say) looke but on our wives, and you will say wee have tolde the truth, and we (to please them, and seeme gracious in their eyes) must follow the fashion too, I know not by what clause in lawe it is remou'd, but the burthen that lay upon their bumms is now pla'it on our shoulders, wee have verdingales to beare by our bands, as they had to support their loose bitches.

This we deliuer to yē in private, and you may use here in a friendly concealment, we promise what wee have not now perform'd, so did we as long as wee could, and that's as much as any man or woman can doe, this was our answer, and wee were bound to belēne it. Well, then wee change our walke, and from the change we goe, where we had no sooner regretted the strātes, but we might behold a comely trope of white headed Senators (such as sometime adoz'd Romes Capitoll, when she swayed the world in a single monarchy) such as were habited to custome
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and comlinesse, not to fancie and imitation, by whose graue aduise this cittie did support her name, which else would quickly haue turn'd into a wildernesse, like flowers growing in the vnbarbed field, for want of due polishing turne wilde and lose their swætnesse, these gardeners or guardians of this their little bicronship, were now approached vs, to whom (with a halfe amaz'd humilitie) we saluted, and remembreing the prouerbe (spare to speake, & spare to speed) went forward to this milde inquisition.

Reuerend, honorable, and worthy Gentlemen, we are poore petitioners to your patience, both for audience and answer, of one singular demand, (*verbum molle frangit iram*), though they might haue punish't our presumption, yet they giue vs leaue to proceed, to whom relating our aforesaid tasque, some part of the paines we had already taken, we as brieue (as we could) let them vnderstand our cause, and remain'd still attendant on their answer, which we staide not long for, but one voice answered for all in this manner.

Truly Gentlemen, ye haue vnderaken a great tasque if ye haue tyed your selues to the performance of it, for here 'mongst vs, ye haue certainly mist him, (a hard case, and a mad world indeed) when all complaine for money) and surely ye prosecute your course farre contrary to the purpose: for thinke yee to catch 'fishe with an vnbaited hooke, or take a ~~Whale~~ with a pursenet, then may yee returne with a bare hooke, and an emptie purse: no yee must baite your angle if ye will come home laden. I must needs confesse we haue had, & haue yet some acquaintance with that gentleman yee seeke for, but he will not bide with vs, I tell ye, he is a wilie fellow, not wone with god words, for then would schollers haue more nap on their godwre: nor with balo, for then you would happily bee more happy in his acquaintance, nor with feature, for then so many proper men should not want him: nor with knockes, for then would fencers be more fluent, but some aquiualent godnesse

goodnesse which is an equall ballance to him-himselfe: or he will not stir else, it seems you know not his company, that are no better acquainted with his qualities, I tell you besides this he is an obstinate wilfull fellow, for since this idolatrous adoration given to him here by men he has kept the scepter in his owne hand, and commands every man: which rebellious man now seeing (or rather indeed to obedient to him) inclines to all his bests, & asks no subscription nor will he be commaunded by any other power, he is besides a careless and ruinous defacer of all vertuous and necessary antiquities, so him-himselfe lie sleeping in yron hard chests what cares he what runs to desolation: if men undertake (as indeed we of late have done) but some good and necessary piece of worke, as the re-edifying of a decayed gate, built new places for the profitable sweetnesse of the city, he lies away (as you have perhaps sometimes noted) with more dexterity, then a needy debtor hath fled the hands of any of these our Officers, therefore truly, lette this confine your answer that amongst us he is not to be found, only there are a few followers of his the better to direct and guide you in your determined traualle: with that we gratefully accepted some few of his attendants, and they rid on. We still prosecuted our now halfe hopelesse journey: from thence with few paces wee had reacht a faire and sumptuous streete, a place that if a man had only liu'd to please his sight he would continually haue made that his Porzison, or if every coniturer had but such a prospective glasse of his owne, they would neuer deale so much with the Diuall as they doe: here lay plate both gold and silver, Jewels rich & orient lay in heapes, here only wanted that god (by man created) money, here we made a diligent inquiris, but straight were we turn'd with non est inuentus, all those (as they truly answered us) alluring temptations were but to intreat the company of the adored Gentleman together. which if we could procure with full and perfect progresse we might commaund al we saue, we should be able to furnish

with plate Marke Antonies featt threife trebles, marry
otherwile.

si nihil attuleris ibis Homere, foras.

This though it a little dismayd our present business, yet
it spurs vs on with a more seruient desire to seeke, know-
ing what infinitis followed hanting once attained his res-
pected worships with vs, we were no to come to the place
where the records of all ages were kept since the creation
there we turned ouer many leaues but few to our purpose:
neqr was such a search made, many taught by quintessences
& alchimistick exracts to make a new substance of this es-
sence, but they were most made beggers that undertooke it:
this walke we had some walkt thzough, now wee were
entred the temple, to finde him there we had not such an
vnhalloved thought, for there the pillars were hung with
poore mens petitions, some walking there, that if they praid
as well as fasted did very well and sincere'y, nay the very
Temple it selfe (in bare humility) stood without his cap and
so had good many preares, many good folkes had spoke for
him because he could not speake for himselfe, and some what
had bene gathered in his behalfe but not halfe enough to
supply his necessity, here could be little hope to find him
that so much wanted him, we sone turnd our backs on
this place, and had sone espied many Haberdashers that
had felts of many fashions but none that would fit this
foresaid bare-headed tall man, marry for Mounseur Mony if
he came himselfe (for so they answerd vs at the enquiry af-
ter him) he should haue choise of any felts of what fashion
or blocke it might be his pleasure to weare, little comfort
we felt by all this, but yet we must not found retreat, for
ward we go still, many hopefull places we passe, yet after
our deliuered message, we were neurr the neare, many ho-
norable gates we left breacred, and the houses unsearcht
because we wanted some of the Mounseurs kindred to open
the admittance, yet we might heare of their Complaint
of defect, and therefore could conclude of his non residence
there,

there; at length we passe by that gracious and generously inhabited pällace, where by the dyes of reason this adoped Idoll should be a servile messenger, and no doubt he is, for there might we behold the princely messengers from many severall countries guardons and presented with heapes of treasure. But this runnagate (whom folly and ignorance adore, as they do stocks and stones) could here have no place of authority nor abiding, but as a mercenary bond-slave; whether go we now? forth now have with you to Westminster: and what to do there? shall we take a chamber & rest our selves a while, no; but try neither, wele to the hall first that's certaine: well away then, and take this for a note by the way too. if ye here the tongues walke open, the Mounſieur is there if not al's a ſlope, we have now with moderate paces attained the entrance, lets not be brummanerly, knocke first, or call him by his name, perhaps he will answer if he be there. Wo Mounſieur Mony, me thinks I here him answer like a sententious tapster I can not be here and there too here was a buſſe house the while, such canualling of cases, that our case could not yet be heard, here were two brothers at buffets with angells in their fists about the thatch & blew off of his house into the others garden and so spoll'd a Wartichoke: here two neighbours together by the pusses the good man Nebuloes geese had laid an eg in goodman Corridons barns and he pleaded possession and the trespass of the geese that had committed burglary to come in the wrong way: this had bin long in suite, and yet was no date to the end, onely it was thought the geese should die first and be shar'd betwene them: then one knave was in suite for calling another by his owne name, so buſſe they were about these and many other such cases, that we could get no're an Attorney to deale for vs, so that at length we concluded to be our own Iheralogs, & proclaim our business our selves. so choosing the strongest beyec amongst vs, began our outcry, If any man (women there were none) child, to mee or country, of what degree, quality, discretion, either wise or ignorant, or howsoever in this place

could tell tidings of a wandring knight, cloth'd in armors
of piece of two speciall coates, either in totall Argent or
totall Aurū, his horse trapt sometimes in leather, sometimes in
velvet & sometimes embroidery, let him bring certaine notice
where he liues either at liberty or in prison and he shal haue
for his paines a thousand duckegs, and this caus'd a general
silence ouer all the house, ther's neuer an one either Attor-
ney or Client that could tell what to say, till wee came to a
more familiar examination: And first we began with the
Clients, they swore (as I thinke without perjury they
might) that hee was gone from them, they came riding by
with him at the beginning of the Terme, and that he did
take the paines to accompany vs to the Hall, and here hee
was, but he is now gon, and he slipt away from vs, we know
not how it may be he is yet amongst the crowd: if he think
you to quire for him, to his indammagement perhaps hee
will shroud himselfe from this discovery (and ye cannot
blame him neither to seek his safety) if you could warily ob-
serue, I think you shou'd find him hereabouts: this sub-
sisteth for y^e poore clients answer: we now addres our selues
to others where our message was stopt by in the mid-way,
with Non est nobis argentū, wee haue sent out executions
for his body, but he is not yet come in, some fragments (wee
must confesse) we haue of his: marrie for the substantiall
angelicall and most dearly beloued Mounsr^r him-selfe,
they had no acquaintance with him, nor hee ressoence with
them: This (Contra voluntatem) must serue for an answer,
necessity (being but a pettifogger) has no law law haue no
eares; we hadde ne bels what shall we now doe? Desistere
victos? No, not yett we'll yet try further,

In aduersis rebus, melius sperare superis.

Whither now: ther's yet a part of ouer-sea City to searche
Shall wee a boord, and thither ere we see the country: ma-
ny different opinions were held amongst our selues about
this

this, some said there was a headly buffeting about him already; fight dog fight beare, the uncharitable whipping of the blind, the old ape riding post, lashed by the muzzled dog & the bulls horne-mad to haue his company but it could not bee, some said there were others that offered to suffer the Germain strappado for his sake, and to daunce in y^e aire vpon a hempen cloud, nay wonders (both masculine & feminine) yet his presence will not be obtain'd, some others said it might be possible he was there, for there were many hard-handed men that laboured sore for him, and they perhaps might attaine his worthlesse, that was presently confuted by another, with this objection, that there were too many caps blest for felt-makers to shrike, that was Spanish-caps, Mantize caps, Round caps, Mother-red-caps, and fuddling caps, and none could (but bad Church-Maunders) beare the bell away: all this (by the helpe of some more comforted spirits) could not dissuay vs, but to sea-ward we went, praying for a faire wind weather, and happy success, but here was the fright, before we came to the water we were no longer come within the ken of land, but we were onely set with such a company of Carons, howling, halloving, & calling for passengers, as if al y^e bags to be had bin in y^e forned, and begging at the grate, fines and furies that (God be thanked) could vex the soule but not torment it, yet indeed their most power was oner the body, for here an audacious monthie-randie-impudent-scullery-waite coat-and-bodiced Rascal, would haue hail'd a penny from vs for his sculterish p^ran other paire of water-panders would put a soule-fee for his (wb) Dares; & we should ride like gentlemen (or rather almost empty, holly-heads) a kilt for it, but such, hapling, howling and pulling there was that wee durst not venture the flood, the wharfe being so dangerous, and further, testifying y^e condition of the Sea-monsters, twas told by theyr self but howlingly sing: for Monsieur monie that we sought for for vs the treacherous Leuiathans had not car'd to haue overtopp'd vs, had they once boarded vs, well.

it was, that it was so, now hee for the country we had past.

We haue past the citty as good counsell passes the cares of a negligent auditor, in at the one side & out at the other and done no good within, hee for the country another while.
quod non in Gallia forsitan in India.

Many daies we traualled, and many miles we measured ere we relish any place (hauling the citty still in our eyes of apprehension) where we might enquire for our departed friend and not be laught at for our labours, we were many times in a wood and indeed seideome out, yet it may be this fir deult like a Lapwing with vs, and cryed furthell of the nest; though the citty might promise faire show, yet in the country might remaine his being, we therefore without further question stopt to a Farmers house where we intended to vse the authority of our inquisition, his dog first saluted vs with a full mouth, which likewise serued for alarm bell to tell them within that one of moze was entred the gates, vpon which summons, the goodman of the house came to the doore a Jolly chaffe, a good formall rustatcoate, and a reasonable stature for a vry Zwan, we were about to encounter him at first sight with our business, but were pre-acted by his former salutes, for in a plaine country grating he invited vs to drinke and eate with him such cates as the house afforded, good stomackes are some invited, we had scarce the maydes manners to say nay and take it, but to take before we say nay: in the house brought, where we had cates to please fine seuerall nations, we had the Dutch-mans delight, Butter and Bacon, we might haue made tosse to our butter and barbed it to another place as proper, we had Roots for the Frenchman a Pippin Pye for your Irishman, and a peece of cheese for the Ambros Bittanc: all these differences each one made a shift to draw to one head, once he had small here which pleaseth no nation: this matter being reasonable well canual'd we fell to another discourse, the good man was or would be if he might (it was his owne phrase

phrase) so bold as to enquire whence we came and whither we would, we answered him we could resolve him whence we came, but whether we would we knew not, for that we had undertaken a thing worse then the conquest of the Indies, at which he shewed vs his gums and was very pleasantly importunate to know what it was: saith as we had made no bones of his meate we did not of our message, told him such an one we had long sought and him we must seek till we find (vsque ad necem) with all we requested to know if he had not alighted at his house, for it was a generall report in the city that this hard yeare he had taken his leave of them and came into the country to buy corne: hee premeditated no reply, but told vs briefly there he was not nor could it stand with reason why he should: no, no, says he, hee neuer visits vs in the country but if he be in some contagious pestilent time, when he is so infected that we dare not receiue him, and then he comes downe, marry he lies without doors for his labors: nay he that will not see vs in prosperitie let him keepe away in misery, alacke alacke, he now scornes our sick beds, if we but meete with him at the market we can scarce entreat his company home, our great Landlords bespake him with costly rents, with fines; and Pretors and I know not what: deare yeares quoth pettis not we that thus by deare yeares they are deare to vs, our graine is in the buyers grance ere it be growne, if we can keepe but the plough at the Oxe taile, spare one to sail against Christmas, our care is taken; marry for the gentleman you saie for he is so selldome in sight with vs, that he is almost out of mind, a Scilla: in Charibdin, this geere we't to worke, (as Rope makers do) bachelward, what reply could we make but a faint farewell: what could now our meditation be, but amazement: shall we yet proceed where their's, no hope of conqueste to take the hardy soldiers Morcto Dum spiro spero, let us yet breathe, though almost out of breath therefore lets forward: on wee gee, but still no spidwife could be found to tellur vs of our frabaitie,
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many daies labour we cut of, but still (like Hydrea heads) more came in the places, as welop and innencible as the other, wee past by a Tami rs boze and hee confess hee had broke the statute by antedating his bides and taking the leane lether from the fat befoze the time, and all for the loue of Mounfire Mony, yet he could not winne his company: many tradesmen swoze they had (like knights of the Post) forswore themselves all for his sake and yet went without him: the Tapster bath froth'd halfe way, but whether the Dinell had let it out a nights or no, he know not, but he could not thrive by it, indeed generally honest men, Millers and all estates did complaine and lament the absence of this their deare friend, in obseruance of al which, time and travell had now brought vs in heime of a very pleasantly situated towne. faire and sumptuously buldoed, partly (though not equally) deuided with a sweet currant streame, which both brought swéetnes with it selfe and bore away the annoyances of the towne, with no more prejudice to it selfe then as a drop of popson thz towne in the Ocean, whose undiscovered greatnes kills the operation, where meeting one that could resolve vs, we questioned the name and quality of it: who wondered we knew it not, being one of the two sisters (being no more in the land but two) from whom as from two euers flowing fountaines, wisdoms and doctrine continually ofd abound, we had little to examine further of either wisdoms or learning, but mony we enquire for, and of him we desired to know if that we thought he might not be ther resident: Faith no by many presumptions there hee could not bee, hee guest him (though he were a great traveller) yet he was but a small student, for otherwisse he would not keepe company so much with soles, nor any ascending degree there he could not take, for that he had attained more worship and adoration already, the they could alioo any title for, & for the inhabitants which were all painefull labourers after the quest of wisdoms and vnderstanding, and harboured not so much as a thought to
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bzing him into their companie, their commons was to
 shott for him, their habits too ciuill, and their arguments
 too quarrellsome, alas, sir Money has no fellowship with
 them, they are rather (be it no disparagement for them, to
 haue themselves so term'd) Liberalities beards-men, and
 the sonnes of Wisdome: these faire foundations were
 rais'de in former ages, when this close sojourning knight
 you seeke for ridde a horse-backe in open field, without a
 coach or a vizard before his face, 'twas Money that build-
 ed all these (Gentlemen) marrie hee was forst to it by
 the great, great grand-fathere to these that now keepe him
 back, then was Englands whole yeare but a Saint Georges
 day, then had a Noble man a hundred or two continually
 about him, but this question Gentlemen will driue me
 too farre in contemplation, therefore Ile take leaue of
 troubling y^e any further, I wish y^e were in a better
 way, for sure y^e are now out of the way quite.

Wee now stuck fast, and knew no way out, and thought
 better to scramble out the way we came, then throw our
 selues into some irremocable place, wee thus resolu'd,
 turn'd back, and in a rage bad the Dinell goe with him,
 for wee would seeke no further, the Dinell was no soner
 in our mouthes, but he helpt vs to another proiect in our
 mindes, we now (sauns feare) would goe the next way
 and know where he was quickly. And concluded certainly
 that his residence was not on earth. What then? shall we
 giue ouer the quest? no, to hell first: agreed, agreed, every
 man chose his sworne brother (every Theseus his Piri-
 thous) & lets along: but who knowes the way? and whi-
 ther there be such a locall kingdome or no: oh yes, there's
 one could tell that had read Policronicon how many mile
 it was to it downe-wards, that was three thousand, two
 hundredth, fine and fortie mile and almost a halfe, this
 seem'd a tedious descent, without a good paire of staires,
 and wee durst not undertake it, it was better conside-
 red to cut of a great deale of the iourney, and to go head-
 long,

long and bee there quickly, and that way was asseure
for us, v^z. we should returne back to the Suburbian Bor-
dello (before mentioned) and there to hire hackneis
would hurry vs to Hell and damnation suddainely, what
shall we not do for so great a friend as Mounseur Money?
come, take horse and away.

The conclusion was put to most voices, which upon bet-
ter consideration was given on the contrary, for saies one
(that it seemed was well read in the qualities of them)
it were a farre easier (though very painefull and not so
spedie) iourney by land, for this way y^e ride through
mercilesse fire and water, tis Hell all the way to Hell, and
if y^e will giue the hearing ile giue y^e a part of their ca-
racter, yet I am loath to soule the sweet ayre I draw, and
extinguish with so polluted a rehearsall: they are faire out-
sides of stane, but like deceitful bogges our-hid with snow
which melted off (vah, vah, per Scigia vehor) I am now in
Hell in apprehension, yet if the Satirist would take this
out of my tongue to giue trophæ too, he must confesse it
were pittie that beauty and brasse-browed impudence so
unhappoly met, there are lipping tongues to entise, songs
to prouoke, teares extemporall Hienna-like to beguile,
othes to summon an earth-quake, and moue the marble
Geometrie of Heaven, and suddainely to bring downe
the pendant prodigies that ouer-hang the Zenich of ini-
quity, and to these othes their quantity in lies, (othes
and lies being ininde inseperable companions) these
raw-rosted-fire-prooued golden apples of damnation are
the very common beaten pathes to Hell (I must confesse)
(nam meretrix est lanua mortis) but the way is so foule and
daungerous, y^e were better goe further about: In the
neck of controuersie which way to take, whither the di-
uill had a further hand or no (I know not) and meant to
take some more pittie on vs a little to ease our iourney,
but we had begotten the happiest and healthfulest way
could be deuised to speake with his Diabolical blacknesse.

We would go to a Coniurer, or as some say a wise man, but I thinke to conclude him a contarer and no wise man, were the best moderation, for I hold them mere Antipathies. This was allowd a perfect and brieft way, (for we were now almost tyed) the Diuell had sure ouer-heard vs (what skill he has in musique I know not) but he has a good care) for presently was sent to vs a man (as after wee prou'd) for the purpose, a leane Meager fellow, lookt as if he had bene lately frighted with his owne patron a poore black Serge sute (scarce worth the naming) that if it had bene artificially flamed & burnisht ye would haue thought it had bene one of Lucifers cast suets, why should a man serue the Deuil & get nothing by it: but sure tis, God can keepe them poore that the Deuil makes rich.

But whats hid from the Deuill himselte? when one of his poore rascalls can come and preuent vs and tell vs what we sought: we wondred at it, but desir'd him, since he so well knew our intents, to further our purpose with his best art, hee (for a little fee) quickly condescended, and promist (if wee would) to bring the Deuill face to face, to answer our demand in whatsoeuer, whether hee himselte were the Farlo to this lost traveller, or if he knew any of his confederates on earth that did detaine him, to the one we agreed, that either himselte should talke with him, or wee would if hee were not too terrible, eather was sufficient, and that following night wee should summon him to a parle: The interim while then hee bestowed in preparing his incantations, exorcismes, characters, & what dues & properties belonged else to his Cimerian Art.

But to the purpose, the night was come, we were come to the place, where we were set a loose off with a valiant charge to feare nothing, our hardie leader himselte that fearde not the Deuill, fell roundlie to his business with his circle round about him, where with some ceremonies, and a triple inuocation of great Beelcephon, the ground (not so hardy as the coniuurer) begā to tremble,

that we all shooke for feare, anone (as if a whole legion of them had bene then taking Tobacco, and euen of such a sophisticated sent) issued forth such a cloud of smoke that wee could scarce discern our artist, after that a noise so confused as if Hell had bene a fire and the bells of Barathrum had bene rung back-wards, after this noise it began anon to be a little more calme, and then we might perceiue a fellow (for sure he had more fellows) appeare to vs in the shape of a miller in apparell, but as swartly as a Chimney-sweeper, to him our valiant orator pronounced the question, whether such a wandring knight as Monsieur Money was not traueled into Hell or no? he answered no.

The diuill (like a braue Gaunter) was rid a begging himselfe, and wanted Money, (whether the diuill had bin a souldier or no I know not) but our hardie spokesman was so bold as to giue him the lie, and bad him tell him the truth or he would force him, for he knew that he was in Hell, because he was not to be found on earth, hee answered then a little nearer the matter, and told him, that his maister had put him to solozne in certaine blurers and extortioners houses, (very friends of his maisters) and that the day of his returne was not yet come, but ere long hee would be there againe: this seemed somewhat likely, but our artf-man better knowing his qualities then we do, was not yet sufficed, but the second time gaue him the lie, and layd another coniuro te or two vpon his shoulders, to tell him the truth, or he would binde him to his good behaviour for a thousand yeares, then out came all, he then confest that he was in Hell, for the most part, many spirits had him vnder lock and key, and he was like neuer to bee set at libertie againe, and the reason was the diuill had so many children sathered on him that he neuer begat and so many of his owne, that hee had no other dowry to bestow on them, the earth was daylie more and more taken from him, as India, Virginia, and many continents, that hee thought

thought he should haue no leaues for them to inherit if
Danieſ-day came not quickly, therefore money by any
meanes hee would not part with; many blurrers and o-
thers of his louing friends riled out againſt him for it, but
he was reſolued neuer to giue him liberty, this ſufficed for
an anſwere, the diuill went home againe and the conſu-
rer came to vs where he receiued his reward of vs, accor-
ding to our abillities, we bad the diuill keepe his Saint
for we would ſeeke him no more.

The next voiage we bolued to make for wiſdome, and
then we ſhould haue more wit (then to ſeeke for Money,)
whom if we miſt on earth, we knew where to ſeeke
her without a Conſurer, it grew now break
of day, and wee broake offe our
ſearch, Dixi.

Take it as it is.

Tam male nil culum quod nullum proſit ad uſum.

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